



News from your local councillor

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Division 7: Capalaba/Alexandra Hills/Thornlands/Cleveland



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Dear resident,

Christmas is my favourite time of year. It's a time to celebrate the achievements we have made throughout the year and a time to look forward in hope of what the New Year can bring.

This year, however, has brought many challenges for all of us. Some of us experienced financial hardship, many of us experienced "learning from home" with our children, which brought new-found respect for our teachers. And all of us experienced separation from our family, friends and community due to COVID-19.

Our community has shown care to one another and shown resilience and unity

through embracing measures to keep each other safe. We, as a community, have rediscovered what is most important to us and that is time with our family, with our friends and time well spent doing what we love most.

Here on Redlands Coast we have an abundance of recreational activities for everyone to enjoy and it has been wonderful to see residents enjoying our Council parks, riding along our cycleways and walking along the many tracks and trails available to us.

As we near the end of the year and celebrate Christmas and the New Year,

may we all look forward in hope and anticipation of the opportunities that will come our way - opportunities to grow, to give and to do what brings us joy.

To you all, I wish you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Kind regards,

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Stage 1: Panorama Drive Boundary Road to South Street



Road funding a welcome boost

Funding for the first stage of the \$90 million Wellington Street duplication at Thornlands has been approved in a welcome move for residents.

The upgrade of this major north-south arterial link will be delivered as part of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan to accommodate increased demand in the area. The first stage will duplicate Panorama Drive/Wellington Street into four lanes between Boundary Road and South Street. Providing four lanes along this stretch will have enormous benefits

through alleviating peak-hour congestion, improving work commute times and increasing safety at intersections. It will also include a dedicated bicycle lane.

It will be funded by Council and also benefit from Federal Government funding for intersection upgrades at Ziegenfusz Road/Panorama Drive, Panorama Drive/Wellington Street and Wellington Street/Weippin Street.

Construction of the first stage is expected to start in 2021 and be completed in 2023. Subsequent stages will eventually

duplicate Wellington Street all the way to Russell Street in Cleveland. Council will work to keep traffic disruptions to a minimum during construction. Fortunately, much of the work will allow for the existing road to continue to carry traffic, while the new lanes are constructed on the adjacent road reserve. Some works, especially around the intersections, may be done outside normal working hours to minimise disruptions. For more information and to watch a project animation, visit **you.say.redland.qld.gov.au/wellingtonstreet**

Back in the swim

By the time you read this, the rejuvenated Cleveland Aquatic Centre should have re-opened for swimmers.

The teams involved have done a great job, with the centre sure to be a hit now the weather has warmed.

The renovation was among a range of infrastructure projects brought forward to help local businesses weather the COVID-19 pandemic, with one upside being that it also helped to minimise the impact of the centre's inevitable closure on residents.

A number of contracts for work at the centre were awarded to local businesses, with the filter installation, painting, deck construction and shade sail renewal all being sourced from Redlands Coast.

Redlands Coast businesses which worked on the project deserve a pat on the back, including Marina Pools, Atlantis Plumbing and Drainage, Signature Painters, Danreg Engineering, Bennetts Carpets, Di Lizio Painting, Darben

Training, Bayside Project Solutions and Advanced Shade Structures.

We now have new equipment, decking, landscaping and new shade sails over two children's play pools, with the 25m pool looking very inviting. Hopefully the new pump for the 50m pool, which was unavoidably delayed due to the pandemic, will also have arrived.

Funding support was provided through an \$830,000 Works for Queensland State Government grant and Redland City Council.



TIME TO 'GET READY'

Prepare
your home
and a family
emergency
plan.

Summer regularly brings significant weather events and bushfires to Redlands Coast, so I urge all residents to ensure they are ready. You may not live in a bushfire or flood-prone area but that doesn't mean there is no chance of a significant event which might force you to evacuate your home in a hurry. I encourage you to take time now to get your homes and yourselves ready. To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to Redlands Coast is available at disaster.redland.qld.gov.au. Meanwhile, Council has been proactive in its fire management, conducting planned burns in local conservation areas.

Prepare your home

- Clean gutters and downpipes
- Secure loose items around your property
- Trim trees around the house (check with Council first), install metal screens and ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk

Make a household emergency plan

- Prepare an emergency kit with essentials such as medications, legal papers, first aid, a battery operated radio, batteries, pet food, money and a torch.
- Identify a safe place to evacuate to in a bushfire and decide how you'd look after your pets.
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations.
- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan.
- Have your bushfire survival plan ready.

Visit ruralfire.qld.gov.au for more information.

Know your neighbours

- Your neighbours can be a source of support during emergencies.
- If you don't know who owns the property next door contact Council on 3829 8999 for their details.
- Those without family or friends close by who would like more social contact can organise for a Red Cross check-in call by phoning **1300 885 698**.

Be Informed

Visit disaster.redland.qld.gov.au for information on how to prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters. For weather and warning updates:

Bureau of Meteorology bom.gov.au/qld

Exciting eco-friendly tourism opportunity

Expressions of interest for the development and operation of a high quality tourist park on the former Department of Agriculture and Fisheries land in MacArthur Street, Alexandra Hills, have now closed

It is expected that officers will bring a report to Council by early next year that will provide the results of the EOI campaign.

Council will then consider any proposals, seek feedback and plan for how the site may be used.

Council has encouraged proposals for the site, which Council bought in 2018 after many years of negotiation with consecutive state governments, that demonstrate the preservation of the site's environmental

values while providing a range of accommodation types, including recreational vehicle spaces, camping and glamping.

It is a great opportunity for an eco-tourism venture and I am looking forward to seeing what's proposed. Ideally, we would like to see an operator willing to invest in infrastructure that would also benefit the broader community, such as a water play park and connections to nearby recreational trails.

For more information about the Redlands Coast Tourist Park and Community Destination expressions of interest process, visit the project page on Council's Your Say site at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au



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